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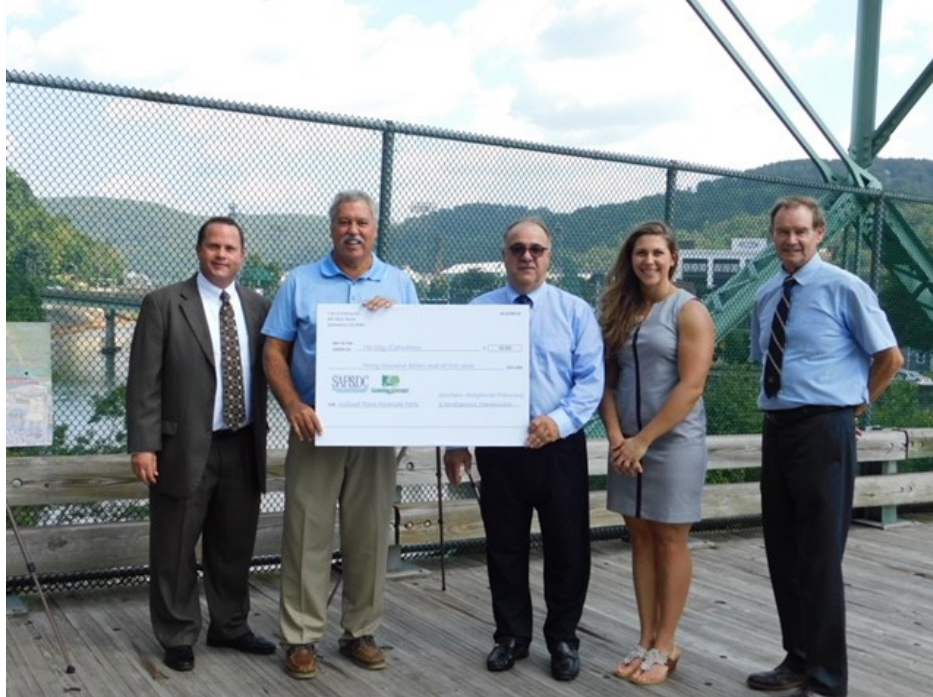
Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission Newsletter!

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## **Mini Grant Awards:**

In partnership with DCNR, SAP&DC is pleased to announce funding awards for Round 4 of the Regional Greenways Mini-Grants Program. An overview of the awards can be found below along with photos from the check presentations held on August 28th and 29th:



### Johnstown Inclined Plane Riverside Park

Applicant: City of Johnstown  
 County: Cambria  
 Grant Award: \$30,000  
 Total project: \$60,000  
 Type: Planning

Project scope includes Construction and Engineering design for “Riverside Park.” This park would provide: nature viewing and fishing opportunities for the community, easier transport of mountain bikes and kayaks to the natural side of the river and emergency access to the river for EMTs.



### Great Allegheny Passage – Garrett Trailhead Site Improvements

Applicant: Somerset County  
 County: Somerset  
 Grant Award: \$14,251  
 Total project: \$28,502  
 Type: Development

Project scope includes the replacement of a portable toilet with a permanent concrete building vault toilet and the installation of a Bike Fix-it-Station and water fountain. Bike racks and a directional/informational signage kiosk along with interpretive signs for the September 11<sup>th</sup> National Memorial Trail will also be installed.



### **Ghost Town Trail Extension**

Applicant: Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority (CCCRA)  
County: Cambria  
Grant Request: \$50,000  
Total project: \$111,000  
Type: Development

Project scope includes six miles of trail extension from Ebensburg back to Nanty Glo. Grant funds will be used to contract with a construction company to complete the rail extension.

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## **The New Regional Comprehensive Plan "Alleghenies Ahead" formally adopted by all 6 counties**

*To view the document, click [here](#).*



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### **Township Convention Schedule**

- **Fulton County:** Is scheduled for October 8, 2018, at the Hustontown Volunteer Fire Company (Clear Ridge Road, Hustontown). Registration begins at 8:30 AM, meeting at 9:00 AM and the meal at 12:00 PM. Contact LuAnne Keebaugh for more information at 717-830-3115.
- **Cambria County:** Will take place on September 28, 2018, with registration beginning

at 4:00 PM and the meeting at 4:30 PM followed by the meal at 6:30 PM. It will be held at the Solomon Run Banquet Center at 176 Mt. Airy Drive, Johnstown. Contact Tammy Burnheimer for more information at 814-539-5116.

- **Bedford County:** Will be held at the Breezewood Firehall (150 Municipal Road Breezewood PA) on October 15, 2018. Please contact Lesley Kennedy at 814-733-4770 with questions.
- **Huntingdon County:** Will be held on October 11, 2018, at the Smithfield Township Fire Hall. Registration will take place at 4:00 PM with the meeting to follow at 5:00 PM and the meal served at 6:30 PM. Contact Linda Greenland with any questions: 814-599-2531.

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## **Transportation Improvement Program Outreaches:**

Every two years, PennDOT Districts and their Planning Partners across the state build a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that lists publicly funded transportation projects. This past summer, the Southern Alleghenies RPO adopted the 2019-2022 TIP, which is expected to go into effect on October 1, 2018.



It can be viewed at <http://www.sapdc.org/gov-non-profit/2019TIP>.

The RPO is now beginning the outreach process to gather information on transportation needs for the 2021-2024 TIP. Two meetings will be held in each of the aforementioned counties according to the schedule below. Please feel free to attend any of the sessions, regardless of where you live, work, or play. Come ready to discuss improvements anywhere in the RPO.

### Bedford County:

1. **September 17th, 2 PM** - Hyndman Senior Center [164 Market St, Hyndman, PA 15545](#)
2. **September 26th, 5:30 PM** - Everett Area High School [1 Renaissance Cir, Everett, PA 15537](#)

### Huntingdon County:

1. **September 4th, 12 PM** - Alexandria Fire Hall [302 Hartslog St, Alexandria, PA 16611](#)
2. **September 4th, 5:30 PM** -Community Bank of Orbisonia [761 Elliott St, Orbisonia, PA 17243](#)

### Somerset County:

1. **September 13th, 5 PM** - Windber Borough Office [1401 Graham Ave, Windber, PA 15963](#)
2. **September 25th, 3 PM** -Berlin Borough Office [700 North St, Berlin, PA 15530](#)

## Fulton County:

1. **September 20th, 5 PM** - Warfordsburg Senior Center [209 Long Hollow Rd, Warfordsburg, PA 17267](#)
  2. **September 26th, 2 PM** - Fulton County Planning Commission [219 N 2nd St #102, McConnellsburg, PA 17233](#)
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## Success in the Region:

### *Pennsylvania Highlands Community College*



Photos from Penn Highlands website (see: [pennhighlands.edu](http://pennhighlands.edu))



Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, commonly referred to as "Penn Highlands", recently celebrated the opening of their brand new expansion in their Blair location.

The expansion included new biology and chemistry equipment for the additional classrooms constructed as part of the project.

SAP&DC played a role by assisting the community college with an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant application requesting \$147,558.

The ribbon cutting event was well attended as many in the community look toward more students being served by the facility in the coming semesters.



*Bedford County Development Association (BCDA)*

The Bedford County Development Association (BCDA), was recently awarded \$15,000 from an ARC grant for their Economic Needs Assessment project.

This project will help identify if the current market conditions will support the development of commercial real estate to attract and retain companies within Bedford County.

The assessment will provide a comprehensive overview of the challenges and opportunities in terms of future economic development within the county.

Having the assessment will provide BCDA with the information needed to make informed, wise decisions regarding next steps for development within the county.

*Bellwood-Antis Community Park*



The Bellwood-Antis Community Park Improvements project recently had a ribbon cutting event celebrating their newly enclosed basketball court, rain-garden, lighting, signage and tree installation, and improvements to their sand volleyball pit.

Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission awarded a DCNR subgrant to the Park and served as the administering agent for the

length of the grant agreement.

The project perfectly displays what the mini-grant programs is all about - getting local projects funded to improve our region for its communities.



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## **Local Technical Assistance Class Schedule:**

The Local Technical Assistance (LTAP) Courses within the region can be found below:

- **September 13, 2018 - Curves on Local Roads, Conemaugh Township Municipal Building:** This course is part of a series covering traffic signing. Students will gain information about curve safety and the application of horizontal alignment signs for curved segments of local roads.
- **October 10, 2018 - Speed Limits and Speed Management, Antis Township Municipal Building:** This half-day course will employ newly developed material, focusing specifically on the investigation and decision making processes associated with managing vehicular speed.
- **October 23, 2018 - Salt and Snow Management, Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center:** This course covers all aspects of winter maintenance operations. Topics include planning and organizing public relations, material usage and application rates, equipment types and calibration along with various operational procedures like plowing and spreading.
- **November 9, 2018 - Project Oversight - Monitoring Quality by Asking the Right Questions, Martinsburg Borough Building:** This half day LTAP course will provide training to help ensure local government maintenance projects are done in a manner to achieve maximum quality and longevity by providing the participants with the information needed to monitor these projects.

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## **Trail Highlight:**



## Lower Trail

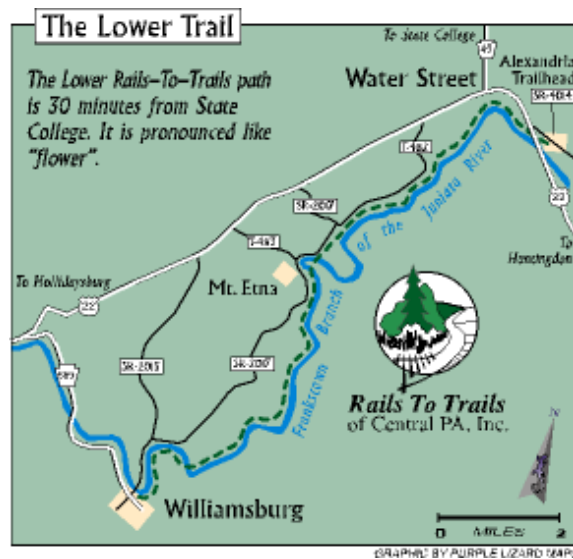
The Lower trail is a multi-use route that follows the historic Pennsylvania Mainline Canal. The Lower Trail runs for upwards of 17 miles from close to Canoe Creek State Park in Blair County to near Alexandria in Huntingdon County.

This historic trail is a great option for hikers or bikers in the area looking for new areas to explore!

*For more information,  
follow the links below!*

[Rails to Trails - Lower Trail website](#)

[More info](#)



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